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To Our Friends and Customers:

WE TAKE PLEASURE IN CALLING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE CONDITION OF THIS BANK AS OF OCTOBER 14, 1932, PRINTED AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE.

The strength of this bank is revealed in this statement and shows that the bank has been managed in a capable and conservative manner.

On the strength of this bank as manifested by this statement we solicit your banking business and call your attention to some of the strong points of our successful management as a banking institution in this section.

First: No loans are made on automobiles.

Second: No loans are made on speculative stocks.

Third: The funds of the bank are loaned for the benefit of the customers and depositors of the bank and are not being used for the benefit of the officers or the corporations in which they are interested. In fact, our largest depositors are the officers and the corporations in which the officers are interested.

All Deposits Received By Mail Are Given the Special Attention of an Officer of the Bank

IN OUR SAVINGS DEPARTMENT WE PAY 4 PER CENT COMPOUNDED QUARTERLY

We Shall Appreciate Your Business

Statement of Condition of

The First National Bank of Opp
OPP, ALABAMA

As of October 14, 1932

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 563,093.83	Capital Stock	\$ 200,000.00
Overdrafts (On Cotton)	5,809.55	Surplus and Undivided Profits	6,981.47
United States, State of Alabama and other Bonds, Stocks and Warrants	259,624.88	Circulation	200,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	17,128.30	Money Borrowed	NONE
Real Estate Owned, other than Banking House	33,514.85	DEPOSITS	639,014.10
CASH	166,824.16		
Total	\$1,045,995.57	Total	\$1,045,995.57

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OPP

OPP, ALABAMA

CHAS. W. MIZELL, President;

R. B. McDAVID, Vice President;

G. C. PIERCE, Vice President;

W. B. BENTON, Cashier;

R. C. WOODHAM, Assistant Cashier.

Large Crowd At Meeting Last Saturday; Bonds And Income Tax Given Boost

Hon. F. B. Brickner Addresses Meeting; Community Rallies To Be Held Over County; Hon. Tom Hefflin Will Visit Coffee One Night Next Week.

The mass meeting held in the courthouse at Elba last Saturday morning for the purpose of arranging to carry the campaign for the Income Tax and Bond Issue, was attended by representative citizens from nearly every section of the county.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. W. C. Braxwell and roll call of the central committee of the campaign. Practically all of this committee answered present and quite a number of the community chairmen were also present.

Judge J. A. Carney made a motion that all members of the County Democratic Executive Committee be added to the campaign committee, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

At this point the meeting was turned into a round-table discussion. Jack D. Lee, representative from Coffee, was the first speaker. He told of his part in working for the measures in the legislature and how that he had supported the income tax measure in the regular session. His opinion was that unless the income tax and bond issue carry that a sales tax will be levied. He expressed a desire to see the county go strong for the two measures.

Dr. Braxwell made a few remarks in which he said that the only hope of ever getting automobile taxes reduced was through income tax. He told of having visited North Carolina, where the income tax and other equitable tax measures the state has reduced its automobile tax rate to 60 cents per gallon, whereas in Alabama the rate is \$2.10 per gallon.

J. E. Pittman, chairman of the County School Board, made a most convincing argument for the two measures, stating that the people had not been confronted with a more important proposition in years. The education of the boys and girls is at stake and that was the only means of solving the school situation. He also stated that this was the first time the farmer had had an opportunity in passing a part of the tax burden on up to the big officers and the varied people. The farmer will not have to pay the tax because he does not have any income.

Mr. Pittman stated that the income tax comes from the big fellows who have always been against the common people and all measures that would benefit them. He further stated that it was the fairest tax ever suggested. If you make the money you pay the tax, but if you do not make the money you do not have to pay it. In his opinion it is the only way to keep the schools going and urged those who are against the schools and the education of boys and girls to vote for the income tax and bond issue.

Judge J. A. Carney then introduced Hon. Frank B. Brickner of Laverne, who made the principal address of the morning. Mr. Brickner expressed his pleasure at being able to come to Elba for the meeting, and first stated that he was not a candidate for any office and never had been except for a place on the State Democratic Committee and as a delegate to the National Convention. The question before the people today is not a political issue and the politics of different parties are not concerned. It is simply a question of voting a bond issue to pay the state's obligations and at the same time voting for the income tax, which will provide funds to pay for the bonds. Alabama owes this money, she has never repudiated it and she will not repudiate them at this time, said the speaker.

Mr. Brickner stated that he was not a Miller supporter and he did not have any interest in the campaign, save that of seeing the state's credit redeemed and seeing the schools of the counties continue. He told of the situation existing in his county, Crenshaw, and said that he did not know the exact condition in Coffee, but supposed that the situation was nearly the same here, and that if the bond issue and income tax are not carried on November 8th, the schools of the rural districts as well as the city schools will be forced to close their doors.

The income tax is a very fair tax, merely touching the man who makes money, said the speaker. Single men who make less than \$500 per year net income will not be affected. Married men are exempted up to \$1,000 and an additional \$300

for each child under 18 years of age. There are thousands of men in the state who are drawing salaries of from five to twenty thousand dollars per year, who do not contribute one cent of tax except what might be paid on automobiles. While the man of moderate means who owns a little property cannot earn enough to pay the ad valorem tax on the state and county. Now is the time to make some of these big fellows help carry the burden which is being carried by the small fellow.

Mr. Brickner also stated that in his opinion a sales tax will be levied if the bond issue and income tax is now voted on November 8th. He also explained that a major portion of the money derived from the bond issue will go to the teachers and in turn will be turned into trade channels and that everybody will be benefited. He urged every one present to vote for the measures so that our schools may be kept open for the benefit of the boys and girls of the state.

County Superintendent Rowe made the closing address of the night. He stated that the situation in the county was quite embarrassing. In many communities teachers are finding it difficult to secure boarding places because they do not have money with which to pay their board. Many of them own board for several months now. "We are running on faith," said the superintendent, "and we are sure that the county will receive the income tax and bond issue and income tax measures are carried it is his opinion that the schools will be closed within a few days after election on November 8th."

After the speaking the central committee held a business meeting at which time a number of appointments were made for meetings this week and next. Below we are giving the appointments that have already been arranged:

North School House—Thursday night, Oct. 27, at 7:30 o'clock. Bethany—Friday afternoon, October 28, at 3:30 o'clock. Zion Chapel—Friday afternoon, October 28, at 7:00 o'clock. Damascus—Saturday night, October 29, at 7:00 o'clock. New Brocton—Saturday, October 29. This will be a county-wide rally and all community chairmen and all others interested are urged to be present.

Enon—Friday night, November 4, at 7:00 o'clock. Enterprise—Saturday, November 5. This will also be a county-wide rally and people of the Enterprise section of the county are urged to attend this meeting.

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Fifth Sunday Meeting At County Line Church

Following is the program for the Coffee County 5th Sunday meeting, which will be held at the County Line Church on October 29th, 1932:

Morning Services
9:30—Three persons who every church should have a Sunday School—A. V. Martin.
10:00—The advantages of having a county Sunday School organization—W. T. Whitman.
10:40—Baptist and the Bible—Rev. B. S. Franklin.
11:00—Sermon by Rev. P. C. Andrews.
12:00—In refreshment.

Afternoon Services
1:00—Meeting of the Executive Committee.
1:30—Present day problems of our rural churches and how to solve them—Rev. A. G. Johnson and W. V. Wallace.
Special Music—At three o'clock.

1:55—A discussion on sending produce, etc., to the Orphanage at Troy—Hon. J. A. Carney.
2:15—The financial responsibility of each individual Christian—Rev. S. Thomas, D. D.
2:40—Will the heathen be saved until the Bible—Rev. A. D. Zibiden.

Miscellaneous business.
3:00—Adjourn.

League and R.Y.P.U. Entertain at Halloween Party
Members of the Senior Epworth League and R. Y. P. U. entertain jointly at a pretty Halloween party at the home of Miss Gladys Miller on last Friday evening.

Golden combs, wicker and jack-lanterns were effectively arranged throughout the house. The young women of the league were invited into the parlors for refreshments, which consisted of hot chocolate and "finger food." Guests included fifty members of these organizations and several visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith of Enterprise and Miss Mildred Lee, who taught at the Elba school, Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lee.

Baptist Circles Met on Monday Afternoon
Circle One met at the home of Mrs. J. M. Bonnett at three o'clock. Mrs. B. S. Franklin conducted the Mission Study.

Circle Two met with Mrs. W. F. Rainer at her home at three-thirty. Mrs. Rainer, who is the Mission Study lesson, "Outrigger for the King."

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Vacant House In West Elba Destroyed By Fire Wednesday

A vacant house, the property of Noah Boutwell, located in West Elba just across the street from the Dave Lulbert home, was completely destroyed by fire at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The house had spread over practically the entire building before fire fighters reached the scene and got the house connected.

The house has not been occupied for several months. Large planks and beams were used for the windows and the doors were said to have been locked. The general opinion is that the fire was of incendiary origin, however, no motive for the destruction of the building has been advanced.

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Evangelistic Clubs To Hold District Meet At Brundidge

The Elba Business Men's Evangelistic Club held an unusually interesting and inspirational meeting Tuesday night at the Baptist Church, National Secretary O. C. Holland of Lynn Haven, Fla., was present and made a heart-to-heart talk that thrilled all those present.

The merchants have completed in this valuable enterprise in a wonderful way, nearly all of them showing a disposition to put their shoulders to the wheel of progress and let the people throughout Coffee County and adjoining counties know that Elba is a good place in which to trade and that all patronage is appreciated. Besides offering as good a market for all kinds of country produce as can be found anywhere, the Elba merchants have entered into a plan whereby \$25.00 worth of merchandise, divided into five prizes, will be given away every Saturday afternoon, the first distribution to be made on November 13th.

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CASH IN ADVANCE

The fellow who really has inside

information usually keeps it inside.

Few are so deaf as to be unable

to hear whispers of scandal.

Airplane reporters might also

be classified as "blue sky" laws.

What some folks don't know

about flying would fill a book—

also a hospice.

California has the world's lar-

gest windmill, but Washington

holds the record for windfalls.

In line with other low commodi-

ties we imagine seats in the

Senate will come cheaper this year.

It is said that "the truth will

make you free." Sometimes, per-

haps, but often it would send

folks to jail.

Most states' idea of farm

relief is to give the farmer

a chance to plow under his corn

on the old home place.

Twelve new names for certain

species of fishes have been adopted

by scientists, probably to dis-

tinguish recently developed kinds

of suckers.

Our campaign managers might

learn a trick or two from a town

in China, where they recruit

201 per cent of the qualified elec-

tors voted.

It is said that deaf mutes can

"feel" music. So do we, but we

couldn't print how we feel about

most of the alleged music heard

over the radio.

Government experts are investi-

gating the chemical composition

and nutritive value of sausage.

Thus science may solve another

age-old mystery.

The Post Office Department has

issued a fraud order against

manufacturers of an alleged "hair

restorer." But alleged hair restor-

ers appear to be immune from gov-

ernment interference.

FARMERS AND BUSINESS

Regardless of what may be done

in the future, the farmer and busi-

nessman interior to aid the farmer,

it must be conceded that agricul-

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THE RAILWAY PROBLEM

Among the numerous committees

and advisory bodies created during

the present depression with a view

to devising means for economic

relief, none has a more dis-

tinguished personnel than the com-

mittee recently selected to study

and make recommendations re-

specting the plight of the country's

railroads.

This committee is an unofficial

body, formed on the initiative of

important savings banks and in-

urance companies, whose holdings

of railroad securities make them

to the interests of their depositors

and policyholders. The committee

is composed of former President

Calvin Coolidge, chairman; Alfred

E. Smith, former governor of New

York; Alexander M. Baruch, eminent

financier; Bernard M. Baruch, former

chairman of the Federal Farm

Board, and Clark Howell, pub-

lisher of the Atlanta Constitution.

In a letter received by the com-

mittee, the following statement was

made: "The committee is to study

the present position of the rail-

roads in a period of grave econ-

omic distress. This situation touches

every citizen who examines the

all phases of the problem and re-

commends a solution which, with

the least possible delay, will insure

an opportunity for the rail-

roads of the country to operate

economically.

Every thoughtful citizen must

realize that the preservation of

our incommensurable railroad facil-

ities is a matter of vital import-

ance to the many thousands of

other thousands of railway em-

ployees, and the millions of citi-

zens whose welfare is dependent

upon the efficient operation of

the railroads.

The findings and recommen-

dations of the Coolidge commit-

tee will be of great importance

to the public.

WOMEN FOR CONGRESS

No less than 14 women have

received nominations for Congress

this year, and are now actively

campaigning for election to the

House. Of these, five are pre-

sents of the Democratic party,

one is a Republican, and the re-

maining eight are independent.

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of Arkansas, who was chosen to

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NEWTON'S HUMILITY

Celebration of the 200th anni-

versary of the death of Sir Isaac

Newton recalled many personal an-

ecdotes of the great natural phi-

losopher. In spite of his towering

genius, and his scientific attain-

ments, Newton was one of the most

humble of men.

As a boy he confessed he

"far from industrious and stud-

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unassuming genius the Father of

Science." To Mary, his wife, the

church assigned a place of

confidence in himself. The turn-

ing point in his career is said to

have been when he mistook cour-

age to whip a larger boy who had

attacked him without provocation.

This success seems to have led him

to greater exertions and he be-

came head boy of his school.

His attitude in life after he had

been told the world results of his

monumental labors, Newton said:

"I do not know how I appear to

the world, but to myself I seem

to have been only like a little

boy playing on the seashore, now

and then finding a smoother pebble

or a prettier shell than before, while

the great ocean of truth lay all

unexplored before me."

FLYING TO MECCA

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BRUCE BARTON

—writer of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

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